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1. PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC) HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT HAS INVITED SPECIALIST COMPANIES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US FIRMS CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON, AND PACIFIC COAST ENGINEERING COMPANY, TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PENSTOCKS AND GATES FOR THE POURNARI HYDROELECTRIC STATION. QUOTATIONS MUST INCLUDE LOCAL CONTENT OF AT LEAST 20 PERCENT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SOVIET AGENCY ENERGOMACHEXPORT HAS LIMITED ITS OFFER RELATIVE THIS HYDRO PROJECT (SEE REFTEL) TO THE SUPPLY OF TURBINES AND GENERATORS ONLY

2. INDUSTRY MINISTER CONSTANTINE KONOFAGOS STATED IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 9 THAT, IN PPC'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH ENERGOMACHEXPORT ON TWO NEW LIGNITE-BURNING POWER PLANTS (KARDIA III AND IV - SEE REFTEL), EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL BOILER MANUFACTURERS AND INSTALLERS.

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